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Pilot Town Hall Concept – Human Relations Commission

Goal

To have a thoughtful discussion about race in Scottsdale, and to take what is learned to inform and guide future discussions.

Overall approach

1. Use an existing video as a thought-starter ([this list of TED talks about race provides some options](#)).
2. Invite Scottsdale board and commission members to register and participate.
3. Everyone would be provided the video in advance, asked to watch, and then submit comments and questions via email or an online form.
4. The group would then receive an invitation to a Zoom meeting, where they would observe a panel discussion, and then could participate in an open question and answer session.
5. The panel would comprise some recognized voices on this topic and be moderated.
6. Pre-test and post-test survey among participants gauging their Interest/comfort/knowledge/awareness of these issues.
(how would you rate your level of cultural awareness)

Outcomes

1. Staff would create a “what we heard and learned” report, and provide that to all who registered.
2. Using that report and other lessons learned from the format, additional sessions would be planned.

Questions for us to answer before hosting

1. Who will moderate the discussion? (Joelle Martin, Linda Walton, Eric Bailey)
2. Who will be the panel? (Above plus Marion Kelly, Stuart Rhoden)

Tips:

- Set rules of engagement up front
- Prepare for those who may want to hijack the discussion
- Provide follow-up resources – books for kids, adults, other videos